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SUBJ: DEATH OF AMERICAN CITIZEN: GEORGE REEDY, JR.

REF NAIROBI 12311 AND PREVIOUS

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF YOUR SON, GEORGE REEDY, JR.

2. THE KENYA POLICE INFORMED AMERICAN EMBASSY, NAIROBI ON SEPTEMBER 21 OF HIS DEATH IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT ON AUGUST 26 IN NAIROBI. HIS BODY WAS UNIDENTIFIED FOLLOWING THE ACCIDENT, AND THE EMBASSY WAS NOT ADVISED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 8 THAT HE WAS CONSIDERED MISSING FROM HIS JOB AS A VOLUNTEER TEACHER. POLICE AND EMBASSY EFFORTS TO LOCATE HIM RESULTED IN THE EMBASSY LEARNING OF THE UNIDENTIFIED ACCIDENT VICTIM. NO PERSONAL PAPERS HAD BEEN FOUND ON HIS BODY.

3. YOUR SON HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED THROUGH A PERSONAL DIARY FOUND AT THE SCENE OF THE ACCIDENT, BUT NOT TURNED IN TO THE POLICE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 21 BY THE FINDER. FRIENDS OF YOUR SON HAD ATTEMPTED TO IDENTIFY HIS BODY ON SEPTEMBER 19, BUT WERE UNABLE TO BE POSITIVE, AND FOR THAT REASON NOTIFICATION WAS WITHHELD PENDING FURTHER VERIFICATION.

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DEATH IS MANDATORY.

5. THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT NAIROBI WILL TAKE CHARGE OF HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS AND WILL WRITE TO YOU CONCERNING THEIR DISPOSITION.

6. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO

MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE PROMPTLY AFTER DEATH. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR SON'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO ATLANTA WOULD COST 1850 DOLLARS. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE COST IS 250 DOLLARS. THE COST OF CREMATION AND LOCAL BURIAL IS 250 DOLLARS. CREMATION AND SHIPMENT (REMAINS TO UNITED STATES) WOULD COST 300 DOLLARS. ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE. REMAINS ARE NOT SUITABLE FOR VIEWING BECAUSE OF CONDITION OF REMAINS DUE TO ACCIDENT AND LENGTH OF TIME BEFORE IDENTIFICATION.

7. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS: TELEGRAPH FUNDS AND INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY TO DIRECTOR, SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520. INCLUDE IN

MESSAGE NAME OF DECEASED AND NAME AND ADDRESS OF FUNERAL HOME IN UNITED STATES, IF SHIPMENT DESIRED. TELEGRAPHIC MONEY ORDER SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

8. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY 3 WORKING DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED
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FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

9. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS POST BY PHONING 334141 IN NAIROBI, OR CONTACT VICE CONSULAR CUBBISON AT HOME BY PHONING 566344 IN NAIROBI.

10 BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT. WILBERT JOHN LE MELLE, AMBASSADOR, AMEMBASSY NAIROBI, KENYA.
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